

**Table 103. Active health personnel according to occupation: United States, selected years 1980–2000**

[Data are compiled by the Bureau of Health Professions]

<i>Occupation</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1985<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000<sup>2</sup></i>
Number of active health personnel						
Chiropractors . . . . .	25,600	---	41,500	47,200	---	---
Dentists <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	121,900	133,500	147,500	158,600	164,700	168,000
Nurses, registered . . . . .	1,272,900	1,538,100	1,789,600	2,115,800	2,271,300	---
Associate and diploma . . . . .	908,300	1,024,500	1,107,300	1,235,100	1,290,400	---
Baccalaureate . . . . .	297,300	419,900	549,000	673,200	739,000	---
Masters and doctorate . . . . .	67,300	93,700	133,300	207,500	241,900	---
Nutritionists/Dieticians . . . . .	32,000	---	67,000	---	---	97,000
Occupational therapists . . . . .	25,000	---	34,000	---	---	55,000
Optometrists . . . . .	22,330	23,900	26,000	28,900	---	29,500
Pharmacists . . . . .	142,780	159,200	161,900	182,300	---	208,000
Physical therapists . . . . .	50,000	---	92,000	---	---	144,000
Physicians . . . . .	427,122	542,653	567,610	672,859	753,176	772,296
Federal . . . . .	17,642	23,305	20,784	21,153	17,338	19,228
Doctors of medicine <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	16,585	21,938	19,166	19,830	17,224	19,110
Doctors of osteopathy . . . . .	1,057	1,367	1,618	1,323	114	118
Non-Federal . . . . .	409,480	519,348	546,826	651,706	735,838	753,068
Doctors of medicine <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	393,407	497,473	520,450	617,362	693,345	708,463
Doctors of osteopathy . . . . .	16,073	21,875	26,376	34,344	42,493	44,605
Podiatrists <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	7,000	9,700	10,600	10,300	---	---
Speech therapists . . . . .	50,000	---	65,000	---	---	97,000
Number per 100,000 population						
Chiropractors . . . . .	11.2	---	16.5	17.8	---	---
Dentists <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	54.0	56.5	59.5	60.7	60.7	60.4
Nurses, registered . . . . .	560.0	641.4	713.7	797.6	832.9	---
Associate and diploma . . . . .	399.9	425.8	441.6	465.5	473.2	---
Baccalaureate . . . . .	130.9	175.6	218.9	253.8	271.0	---
Masters and doctorate . . . . .	29.6	39.9	53.2	78.2	88.7	---
Nutritionists/Dieticians . . . . .	14.0	---	26.7	---	---	35.2
Occupational therapists . . . . .	10.9	---	13.5	---	---	20.0
Optometrists . . . . .	9.8	9.9	10.4	10.9	---	11.1
Pharmacists . . . . .	62.5	66.3	64.4	68.9	---	75.6
Physical therapists . . . . .	21.8	---	36.6	---	---	52.3
Physicians . . . . .	189.8	221.3	230.2	255.9	277.4	277.8
Federal . . . . .	7.8	9.5	8.4	8.0	6.4	6.9
Doctors of medicine <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	7.4	8.9	7.7	7.5	6.3	6.9
Doctors of osteopathy . . . . .	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.1	0.0
Non-Federal . . . . .	182.0	211.8	221.8	247.9	271.0	270.9
Doctors of medicine <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	174.9	202.9	211.1	234.8	255.4	254.9
Doctors of osteopathy . . . . .	7.1	8.9	10.7	13.1	15.7	16.0
Podiatrists <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	3.0	4.2	4.2	3.9	---	---
Speech therapists . . . . .	21.8	---	25.9	---	---	36.4

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Osteopath data are for 1986 and podiatric data are for 1984.<sup>2</sup>Data for optometrists and speech therapists are for 1996.<sup>3</sup>Excludes dentists in military service, U.S. Public Health Service, and Department of Veterans Affairs.<sup>4</sup>Excludes physicians with unknown addresses and those who do not practice or practice less than 20 hours per week.<sup>5</sup>Podiatrists in patient care.

NOTES: Some numbers in this table for dentists have been revised and differ from previous editions of *Health, United States*. Ratios for physicians and dentists are based on civilian population; ratios for all other health occupations are based on resident population. From 1989 to 1994 data for doctors of medicine are as of January 1; in other years these data are as of December 31. See Appendix II for physician definitions.

SOURCES: Division of Health Professions Analysis, Bureau of Health Professions: Supply and Characteristics of Selected Health Personnel. DHHS Pub. No. (HRA) 81–20. Health Resources Administration. Hyattsville, Md., June 1981 and unpublished data; American Medical Association. Physician characteristics and distribution in the U.S., 1981, 1992, 1996–97, 1999, 2000–2001, and 2001–2002 editions. Chicago, 1982, 1992, 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2001; American Osteopathic Association. 1980–81 Yearbook and Directory of Osteopathic Physicians. Chicago, 1980. American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. Annual statistical report, 1990, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 editions. Rockville, Md., 1990, 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001; Bureau of Labor Statistics: unpublished data.